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" (b) The correspondence between this Government and the Government of India is treated as confidential and it will not be in the public interest to disclose it.

" (c) The attention of the hon'ble Member is invited to the answer already given in reply to his question No. 252.

" (d) Yes, Sir.

" (e) The South Indian Sugar Mills Association has raised certain points concerning the price to be paid to the factories for the power alcohol to be produced by them and these are being examined.

" (f) No, Sir.

" (g) The Government of India have permitted this factory to produce 2½ lakh gallons of power alcohol subject to the condition that no subsidy or other financial assistance should be claimed, if it is found later on that its cost of production is higher than that of the other factories.

" (h) Yes, Sir."

Flood relief in the Kurnool district.

* 91 Q.—Sri N. SANKARA REDDY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, even according to Government information, more than twenty thousand houses were damaged in the Kurnool district;

(b) whether it is a fact that, as the amount granted by the Government for giving relief to the affected people was insufficient, the Collector has asked for more; and

(c) if so, what the Government have done in the matter?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—" (a) Yes. According to the latest report from the Collector of Kurnool, the number of houses fully damaged is 32,985 and the number of houses partially damaged is 21,337.

" (b) & (c) The Government have already sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 for the relief of the victims of the floods in the Kurnool district. The Collector asked for an additional allotment of Rs. 23,000 and it has been sanctioned."

Alleged blackmarketing of paddy procured from the ryots of Kalugodu.

* 92 Q.—Sri B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1,200 bags of paddy of very good quality were procured from the ryots of Kalugodu in Rayadrug taluk of Bellary district during the harvest time at the commencement of the year 1949;

(b) how many of these bags reached the Bellary Central Co-operative Stores;